

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2018

Attendance:

Officers: Cheyanne Matulewich, Allison Finch, Mercedes Hernandez, Jennifer McKenna, and Veronica Collazo.

Members: Sharon Restrepo, Josh Foust, Angelica Armlin-Sorgen, Lyndsey Wanits, Judah Maben, Serene Boronow, Ashley Reinoso, Alex Smith, Christina Perillo, Shiloh Jakowlow-Dahlhaus, Michael Accetta and Angela Armstrong.

Advisor: Jeff Foote, Matt LaLonde, and Barb Sprouse.

Guests: Katherine Mohan, Sage Blackmar, Sabrina Long, Tiarra Rosado, Sarah Easley, Zachary Pick, Taylor Clerkin, Erin Denman, Hailey O'Donnell, Cody Cooper, Kieran McCarthy, Joel Fitzgerald, Jared Saville and Kaylin Klein.

Cheyanne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Open Floor

There was no discussion during Open Floor.

Approval of Minutes

Lyndsey Wanits made a motion to accept the minutes from September 18, 2018. Michael Accetta seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Executive Board

Cheyanne explained that residence halls will be holding a "Penny War" and the proceeds will be going towards Hurricane Florence relief.

Jennifer McKenna spoke of possibly tabling for Hurricane Florence as well, with students donating a dollar and putting their name on a cut-out of paper (a fitting shape for the cut-out would be discussed at a later time). These could possibly be put up outside of Twisted Whiskers. Angela Armstrong suggested a paper chain, which could be hung in the halls outside of the Office of Student Leadership.

Committees

Elections: On behalf of the elections committee, Veronica Collazo made a motion to recognize Angela Armstrong, Ashley Reinoso, Sharon Restrepo and Alex Smith as official members, as they have fulfilled their obligations to SGA. They have attended three SGA meetings, two committee meetings, and submitted their new member profile. Michael seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Constitutions: Allison Finch stated that the Biotechnology Club has been trying to become an official club for about three years. After looking over their documents and seeing their consistent meetings and members, constitution in place since 2016, and noting their presence and visibility on campus, Allison expressed that they have proved themselves and fulfilled their obligations to become a club. Cheyanne asked to entertain a motion to induct this interest group to become an official club. Mike Accetta made a motion to recognize the Biotech Club as an official club, Sharon Restrepo seconded the motion, and Alex Smith, Cody Cooper, Sabrina Long, and Lyndsey Wantis abstained. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed.

Finance: Biological Conservation is collecting recyclables on Saturday, September 29th. Agricultural Engineering Club is selling apparel. Hot dogs, and burgers on Saturday, September 29th. AACP will be holding their barn dance and Coby classics on October 11th at 7pm and October 13th, respectively. All four requests to raise funds were approved out of committee. Mercedes Hernandez also stated that there will be an official line name change. The Student Planner Club Generated line will be changed to the Hospitality line.

Public Relations: Jennifer stated that she is looking into getting umbrellas that says “SGA has got you covered.” She is also hoping to partner with CSA to hold pumpkin carving as a program in Bouck on October 23rd.

Old Business

On Thursday, November 1st at 4:30, members are encouraged to join the SGA Service Outing at a food bank in Albany, followed by dinner at Mr. Fuji Sushi.

New Business

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Grant Program

This is a one time grant program for the academic year of 2018-2019. \$3500 will be awarded to the applicants that will be chosen by a sub-committee designated by SGA.

Homecoming

SGA is going to be marching in the parade on Saturday, September 29th with a banner, all are welcome to join.

Volleyball Tournament

SGA has picked Hurricane Florence to be the charity that clubs compete to win money for.

“Stay Woke”

Tuesday October 16th. Next week, SGA will be inviting representatives from the various political parties in NYS to come to campus. This event was created to bring more awareness and promote politics, voting, and to combat ignorance and spread knowledge. SGA will also be tabling during this event, as well as having voter registration forms.

Concerns and Announcements

Club Council October 11th at 5pm in the Tiger’s Den

Title IX Training October 11th at 6pm in Wheeler Hall

If a club’s president and vice-president do not attend, their budget will be frozen.

Camp O: Friday October 12th - Sunday October 14th

SUNY Assembly on November 17th

There will also be some events on the 16th, so this may be an overnight trip. More updates will be given at a later date.

Adjournment

Lyndsey made a motion to end the meeting; Abigail seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.